

**What is claimed is:**

1           1.       A method for manufacturing a fuel inlet comprising the steps of:  
 2               expanding one end of a long-length metal pipe;  
 3       5           cutting off the tip of the long-length metal pipe which becomes non-uniform as  
 4           a result of said expanding step;  
 5               forming a screw structure in the expanded end of the long-length metal pipe;  
 6               cutting off the tip of the long-length metal pipe which becomes non-uniform as  
 7           a result of said screw structure forming step; and  
 8       10          curling the expanded end of the long-length metal pipe which becomes uniform  
 9           so as to provide a seal portion.

1           2.       A method for manufacturing a fuel inlet comprising the steps of:  
 2               preparing a short-length metal pipe, one end of which has a small diameter and  
 3       15          the other end of which has a large diameter, by conducting a drawing process to a plate  
 4           or conducting a drawing process or an expanding process to a short-length metal pipe;  
 5               cutting off the tip of the large diameter end of the short-length metal pipe  
 6           which becomes non-uniform;  
 7               forming a screw structure in the large diameter end of the short-length metal  
 8       20          pipe in which the non-uniform tip has been cut off;  
 9               cutting off the tip of the short-length metal pipe which becomes non-uniform as  
 10          a result of said screw structure forming step, curling the end of the short-length metal  
 11          pipe which becomes uniform so as to provide a fuel feed nozzle retaining bracket  
 12          having a seal portion; and  
 13       25          welding said fuel feed nozzle retaining bracket to a long-length metal pipe, one  
 14          end of which has been expanded.

1           3.       The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said screw structure is a double-start  
 2           thread structure.

1        4.        The method of claim 3, wherein said double-start thread structure is formed by  
2        using a main-forming punch and a sub-forming punch in which preliminary forming is  
3        conducted by using said sub-forming punch, and thereafter said main-forming punch is  
4        advanced.

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1        5.        The method of claim 1, wherein said seal portion providing step is comprised  
2        of preliminary forming and finishing forming in which said preliminary forming is  
3        conducted in a state where a retaining die is partially inserted into the screw structure  
4        and said finishing forming is conducted by using convex and concave dies.

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